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Sections updated: Sections I, II, III, IV and V. As a member of the European Union (EU), Finland fully applies EU regulations on export certificates. In addition to certificates required by the EU, there are specific sanitary certificate requirements with regard to salmonella for imports of fresh meat, meat preparations and eggs into Finland. An export certificate matrix and copies of certificates specific for Finland are included in this report.

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SECTION I. EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY FINLAND AND THE PRODUCTS THEY COVER

Being a member of the European Union (EU), Finland fully applies EU export certificate regulations. Required certificate details are set out in specific legislation, including models of the certificates to be used. The Finnish government does not publish these models in Finnish but, rather, accepts English models as specified in the EU legislation.

For a list of EU-required export certificates and the products they cover, please refer to the U.S. Mission to the European Union's FAIRS Export Certificate GAIN report available at:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200710/146292654.pdf>

In addition to those certificates required by the EU, Finland also has specific certificate requirements for fresh meat, meat preparations or minced meat (with the exception of heat-treated meats) and eggs exported to Finland. These products must be accompanied by a health certificate (a salmonella guarantee) stating that the product is free from salmonella.

Table 1. Specific export certificates required by the Finnish government

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Meat & eggs	Salmonella Guarantee	"No occurrence of salmonella infection disease"	Certificate of conformance	National Food Administration

Please note that the salmonella guarantees/certificates for meat and eggs, frog's legs, gelatine and snails are not included in the EU's hygiene regulation package (Annex VI, Regulation No 854/2004). Model certificates for these products – primarily meat and eggs – can be found in Commission Regulation 1688/2005.

SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Salmonella Guarantees

The purpose of the salmonella guarantee - Certificate of Conformance- is to provide consumer protection. In its EU accession, Finland and Sweden received a derogation

allowing them to apply stricter salmonella controls than other EU member countries. Finland and Sweden were granted additional salmonella guarantees covering trade in fresh meat from bovines and hogs, fresh poultry meat and table eggs which were extended to minced meat. All consignments containing fresh meat, meat preparations or minced meat (with the exception of heat-treated meats) are subject to salmonella control.

Salmonella regulations are stipulated in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005. This regulation does not apply to imports from Norway and Sweden, since these countries have the same salmonella status as Finland. The Finnish Food Safety Authority is the authority responsible for requiring and approving the certificate. Copies of the "Model Certificates" for meats and eggs are found in Appendix I of this report.

Finnish importers are themselves responsible for ensuring that fresh meats, i.e., beef, pork and poultry, are tested for salmonella in the country of dispatch. Documentation stating that the meat was tested in accordance with the applicable EU decision, and that no salmonella was detected in the meat, must accompany the consignment. Likewise, importers of eggs for consumption must, as part of the self-inspection, ensure that the consignment is accompanied by certification of salmonella testing before further processing of the eggs. However, this does not apply when eggs are delivered to pre-approved establishments and when it can be demonstrated that they are to be used in the manufacture of egg products.

SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Salmonella – Meat/Eggs

The specific declaration (attestation) required on the salmonella guarantee certifies that the product to be imported into Finland is in conformance with Finland's strict non-tolerance for salmonella. As noted above, the "Model Certificates" can be found in Appendix I.

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE'S LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Salmonella

- Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?

Yes. Commercial documents should follow the model as provided in Appendix I. The certificate should include, in the numbered order that appears in the model, the required attestations for the transportation of meat from bovines or hogs or poultry meat, including minced meat.

The documents must be produced at least in triplicate and the original must accompany the consignment to the final destination. The consignee must retain the original certificate.

General principle is that certificates must be in the official languages of Finland, in Finnish or Swedish. However, English versions are also accepted. Please contact the Finnish Food Safety Authority and Customs for precise information.

- Can the certificate be applied to multiply shipments?

No. The Certificate follows the individual consignment.

- Will Finland accept a Supplier's or Manufacturer's Export Declaration as proof of compliance?

Certificate of salmonella guarantee must be issued by the competent authority. Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration is not accepted as proof of compliance.

- Will Finland accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?

Yes, provided that it has been drawn up in accordance with the Model Certificates.

- Will Finland derogate export certificates?

The EU has a bilateral mutual equivalency veterinary trade agreement with the United States facilitating import procedures. However, the certificate requirements must be respected.

SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Approved Establishment in the United States

Foods of animal origin (meat, fish, milk, eggs and products thereof) must come from an EU-approved establishment in the country of origin and be accompanied by a health certificate as described in Section I.

The list of approved U.S. export facilities can be found on the website of the Foreign Agricultural Service U.S. Mission to the European Union at:

<http://www.useu.be/agri/estab.html>

SECTION VI. OTHER RELATED REPORTS

Report	Link
USEU FAIRS Report	http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200707/146291677.pdf
USEU FAIRS Export Certificate Report	http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200710/146292654.pdf
FAIRS Report for Finland	FI8002- FAIRS Finland.doc

APPENDIX I. MODEL CERTIFICATES FOR SALMONELLA GUARANTEES

Model certificate for the consignment to Finland and Finland of eggs intended for human consumption

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Eggs for human consumption dispatched to Finland and Sweden

1. Description

Egg: Official reference number

Egg: Local reference number

Attestation

1. the undersigned hereby certifies that:

a) the eggs described above originate from a flock that has been subjected with negative results to the checks provided for in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003;

b) the eggs concerned are fit and for the consumption of persons who do not suffer the depletion of antibodies (7).

Part B: Certificate

Notes

1. The reference to the official number of origin is optional and the use of it only should be given as appropriate if it is the object matter of the report.

2. The Annex No. 1111 is used as measure of evaluation of the total number of eggs, splinters and and number of pieces, drinks, milk, etc.

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Official verification or official inspection

Name (in Capital)

Qualification and title

Local Authority Code

No. of the official (N°)

Date

Signature (N°)

Stamp (N°)

15.10.2005

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Model commercial document for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of meat from bovine or porcine animals or meat from poultry, including minced meat

<p>1. Consignor (name of despatching establishment and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the despatching establishment)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Document reference number ⁽¹⁾:</p> <p>Total number of pages of this document:</p> <p>Date (on which the material was taken from the premises):</p>
<p>2. Consignee (receiver's name and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the establishment of destination of the product)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>3. Place of loading for dispatch (address in full if different from point 1)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>4. Carrier, means of transport, quantity and identification of consignment</p> <p>4.1. Carrier (name and address in full):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.2. Lorry, rail-wagon, ship or aircraft ⁽²⁾</p> <p>4.3. Registration number(s), ship name or flight number:</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>4.5. Nature of packaging:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.6. Number of packages per category of products:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.7. Net weight (kg):</p> <p>4.8. Container number if applicable:</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>5. Description of the products</p> <p>5.1. Type of products ⁽³⁾:</p> <p>5.2. Condition of products ⁽⁴⁾:</p>	
<p>6. Declaration by the consignor</p> <p>I, the undersigned, declare that:</p> <p>The checks referred to in Commission Regulation [...] have been carried out with negative results and a statement from the laboratory concerning the analyses performed on the consignment or the results of such analyses is attached to this document ⁽²⁾.</p> <p>The meat from bovine or porcine animals, including minced meat thereof, is intended for an establishment for the purposes of pasteurisation, sterilisation or treatment having a similar effect ⁽²⁾.</p> <p>The meat, including minced meat, comes from an establishment that is subject to a control programme recognised as equivalent to that approved for Sweden and Finland ⁽²⁾.</p>	
<p>Signature</p> <p>Done at on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(place) (date)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(signature of the responsible person/consignor) ⁽²⁾</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(name, in capital letters)</p>	
<p>Notes</p> <p>⁽¹⁾ Reference number issued by the responsible person for purpose of traceability.</p> <p>⁽²⁾ Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>⁽³⁾ Describe the type of product (e.g. meat from bovine animals, meat from porcine animals, meat from poultry, minced meat).</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾ Describe the condition of product: chilled or frozen.</p> <p>⁽⁵⁾ The signature must be in a different colour to that of the printing.</p>	